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Whereas, Raymond C. Ewry won more gold medals than anyone in Olympic history;

Whereas, Raymond C. Ewry amassed a total of ten gold medals in four Olympiads: three in the 1900 Olympics held in Paris, three in the 1904 Olympics held in St. Louis, two in the 1906 Olympics held in Athens, and two in the 1908 Olympics held in London;

Whereas, Raymond C. Ewry, nicknamed the Human Frog for his incredible leaping ability, was born in Lafayette on October 14, 1873;

Whereas, At the age of five, Raymond was orphaned, and at the age of seven he was diagnosed with polio;

Whereas, Told that he may never walk again and confined to a wheelchair, Raymond C. Ewry overcame his handicap through sheer persistence and leg strengthening jumping exercises;

Whereas, In 1890 Raymond C. Ewry enrolled at Purdue University to study mechanical engineering, and at Purdue he played football and was captain of the track team;

Whereas, Raymond C. Ewry led Purdue University to its first track title, breaking world records in standing high jump, standing long jump, and standing triple jump;



Whereas, Between 1898 and 1910 Raymond C. Ewry captured 15 national championships in the standing events;

Whereas, After receiving a graduate degree in engineering at Purdue, he became a member of the New York Athletic Club;

Whereas, A hydraulics engineer by profession, Raymond C. Ewry competed until he was almost 40 years old;

Whereas, At the age of 39, Raymond C. Ewry made a bid for the 1912 Olympic team but fell short;

Whereas, In 1983 Raymond C. Ewry was elected to the United States Olympic Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Raymond C. Ewry, who overcame great adversity to become recognized as the best standing jumper in the world, stands as a shining example to all athletes and citizens of the world of the things that can be accomplished through will power and determination: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2 great athletic ability of Raymond C. Ewry and honors his legacy.
- 3 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges Purdue
- 4 University to honor Raymond C. Ewry by naming a building, a sports
- 5 venue, or a street on the Purdue campus in honor of Raymond C. Ewry,
- 6 recognizing his accomplishments, and honoring the fact that he was a
- 7 graduate of Purdue University.
- 8 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
- 9 Tippecanoe County Historical Society to apply to the Indiana
- 10 Department of Natural Resources for a historical marker or plaque to
- 11 be placed in front of the boyhood home of Raymond C. Ewry.
- 12 SECTION 4. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
- 13 State Museum to commemorate the achievements of Raymond C. Ewry
- 14 in the state museum.
- 15 SECTION 5. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 16 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the France A.
- 17 Cordova, president of Purdue University, the Tippecanoe County



- 1 Historical Society, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of
- 2 Natural Resources, and the Indiana State Museum.

